

**Claim 10.** Without limitation, Claim 10 includes a hook as a hanging support means, which is not disclosed nor claimed by Garwick (argument a above).

**Claim 11.** Claim 11 in that it is dependant upon Claim 10 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Additionally, without limitation, Claim 11 includes a prong, not a hook, to attach to the suspended carcass, which is not disclosed nor claimed by Garwick (argument e above).

**Claim 12.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 12 in that it is dependant upon Claim 11 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Additionally, without limitation, Claim 12 includes a prong that is attached at an angle of between 20 degrees and 85 degrees, relative to the prong arm, which is not disclosed nor claimed by Garwick (argument d above).

**Claim 13.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 13 in that it is dependant upon Claim 12 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Additionally, without limitation, Garwick does not disclose nor claim a prong with a tapered end, which is not disclosed nor claimed by Garwick (argument e above).

**Claim 17.** Garwick does not disclose each of the elements of Claim 17. Without limitation, Claim 17 includes two upper cross member plates, and prongs attached to the prong arms, which are not disclosed nor claimed by Garwick (arguments b and e above).

**Claim 18.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 18 in that it is dependant upon Claim 17 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim.

**Claim 19.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 19 in that it is dependant upon Claim 18 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Additionally, without limitation, Claim 10 includes a hook as a hanging support means, which is not disclosed nor claimed by Garwick (argument a above).

**Claim 20.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 20 in that it is dependant upon Claim 18 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Without limitation, Claim 20 includes prongs attached to the prong arms, which are not disclosed nor claimed by Garwick (argument e above).

**Claim 21.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 21 in that it is dependant upon Claim 20 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Additionally, without limitation, Garwick does not disclose nor claim a prong that is attached at an angle of between 20 degrees and 85 degrees, relative to the prong arm (argument d above).

**Claim 22.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 22 in that it is dependant upon Claim 21 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Additionally, without limitation, Garwick does not disclose nor claim a prong with a tapered end (argument e above).

**Claim 23.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 23 in that it is dependant upon Claim 19 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Without limitation, Claim 23 includes prongs attached to the prong arms, which are not disclosed nor claimed by Garwick (argument e above).

**Claim 24.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 24 in that it is dependant upon Claim 23 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Additionally, again without limitation, Garwick does not disclose nor claim a prong that is attached at an angle of between 20 degrees and 85 degrees, relative to the prong arm (argument d above).

**Claim 25.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 25 in that it is dependant upon Claim 24 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Additionally, again without limitation, Garwick does not disclose nor claim a prong with a tapered end (argument e above).

**Claim 26.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 26 in that it is dependant upon Claim 17 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Additionally, again without limitation, Garwick does not disclose nor claim a support hook (argument a above).

**Claim 27.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 27 in that it is dependant upon Claim 17 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick

does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Without limitation, Claim 27 includes prongs attached to the prong arms, which are not disclosed nor claimed by Garwick (argument e above).

**Claim 28.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 28 in that it is dependant upon Claim 27 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Additionally, again without limitation, Garwick does not disclose nor claim a prong that is attached at an angle of between 20 degrees and 85 degrees, relative to the prong arm (argument d above).

**Claim 29.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 29 in that it is dependant upon Claim 28 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Additionally, again without limitation, Garwick does not disclose nor claim a prong with a tapered end (argument e above).

**Claim 30.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 30 in that it is dependant upon Claim 26 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Without limitation, Claim 30 includes prongs attached to the prong arms, which are not disclosed nor claimed by Garwick (argument e above).

**Claim 31.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 31 in that it is dependant upon Claim 30 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Additionally, again without limitation, Garwick does not disclose nor claim a prong that is

attached at an angle of between 20 degrees and 85 degrees, relative to the prong arm (argument d above).

**Claim 32.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 32 in that it is dependant upon Claim 31 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Additionally, without limitation, Garwick does not disclose nor claim a prong with a tapered end (argument e above).

**Claim 33.** Without limitation, Claim 33 includes a lower cross member extends outwardly at generally right angles from said central bar (argument f above), and further includes an open hook as a hanging support means. The Examiner makes the unsupported statement that the "curved bent portion or eyelet of Garwick is open or not closed," as a basis for rejecting Claim 33, however the Garwick specification clearly shows the eye (E) as being a complete ring and is thus closed. Consequently, neither of these elements is disclosed or claimed by Garwick.

**Claim 34.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 34 in that it is dependant upon Claim 33 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Additionally, without limitation, Garwick does not disclose nor claim an upper cross member that slides on the central bar toward said central bar second end until the upper cross member comes in contact with the lower cross member. The Examiner did not address all of the elements of this claim in the office action.

**Claim 35.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 35 in that it is dependant upon Claim 33 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick

does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. The Examiner did not address all of the elements of this claim in the office action.

**Claim 36.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 36 in that it is dependant upon Claim 35 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Without limitation, Claim 36 includes lower cross member collars notches that allow the prong arms to more easily extend outward, which are not disclosed nor claimed by Garwick (argument e above). The Examiner did not address all of the elements of this claim in the office action.

**Claim 37.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 37 in that it is dependant upon Claim 33 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Without limitation, Claim 37 includes prong arms that are essentially straight, which are not disclosed nor claimed by Garwick. The Examiner did not address all of the elements of this claim in the office action.

**Claim 38.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 38 in that it is dependant upon Claim 37 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Without limitation, Claim 38 includes prongs attached to the prong arms, which are not disclosed nor claimed by Garwick (argument e above). The Examiner did not address all of the elements of this claim in the office action.

**Claim 39.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 39 in that it is dependant upon Claim 33 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim.

Without limitation, Claim 39 includes straight prongs attached to the prong arms, which are not disclosed nor claimed by Garwick (argument e above). The Examiner did not address all of the elements of this claim in the office action.

**Claim 40.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 40 in that it is dependant upon Claim 39 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Additionally, without limitation, Garwick does not disclose nor claim a prong that is attached at an angle of between 20 degrees and 85 degrees, relative to the prong arm (argument d above). The Examiner did not address all of the elements of this claim in the office action.

**Claim 41.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 41 in that it is dependant upon Claim 39 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Additionally, without limitation, Garwick does not disclose nor claim a gambrel in which the prongs are angled such that when a carcass is hung on only one prong arm the carcass will not fall off. The Examiner did not address all of the elements of this claim in the office action.

**Claim 42.** Garwick does not anticipate Claim 41 in that it is dependant upon Claim 39 and since all elements of the independent Claim are not disclosed, then likewise, Garwick does not disclose all of the elements, and the combination of elements, of the dependent Claim. Additionally, without limitation, Claim 42 includes two upper cross member plates, and prong arms and the central bar is slidably attached between the two plates, which are not disclosed nor claimed by Garwick (argument b above). The Examiner did not address all of the elements of this claim in the office action.

Thus, the patent cited by the Examiner does not disclose each and every element of the claims at issue.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is submitted that the remaining claims are in a condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections are hereby requested. Allowance of the pending claims at an early date is solicited.

If impediments to allowance of the pending claims remain, and a telephone conference between the undersigned and the examiner would help remove such impediments in the opinion of the examiner, a telephone conference is respectfully requested.

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